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Dear Mr. Kelley:

This is not a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Rather, I hope that what I seek can be provided without going through the cumbersome FOIA process and burdening your already considerably burdened FOIA staff. I seek a photograph that has already been made public and that could be easily retrieved from the files and copied.

The photograph I seek was taken within 30 seconds of the shots on November 22, 1963 and depicts theesouth face of the Texas School Book Depository; it was taken by an Army intelligence agent named James W. Powell. Powell made this photo available to the FBI on January 3, 1964 and it was submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination. I enclose a copy of a record from the files of the Warren Commission that details the FBI examination. I have learned that in the early part of this year you released a copy of this photograph.

Powell gave the FBI a 35mm Kodachrome transparency. If the FBI still has that transparency, I would like two color duplicate transparancies made from it, as well as an 8 x 10 color print of the entire transparency and an 8 x 10 color print made from the transparency and depicting the southeast corner window of the sixth floor, the sixth floor window immediately west of it, and the two sets of windows immediately below these windows on the fifth floor. If the FBI no longer has the original transparency, then I would like the above photographic copies made from whatever color reprddcution of the Powell picture that the FBI has that is closest to the original. Of course, I am willing to pay the costs for the photographic work.

Again, because this is a simple request for a single, identified public record, I hope there is no need to treat it as a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

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